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VOCATIONAL TRAINING AT CLAYTON HIGH SCHOOL

Clayton high school has thirty-six girls enrolled in their course in vocational home economics. Ruth G. Taylor, State Supervisor of Home Economics, who recently visited the school, reports an excellent department and a high grade of work being done.

A two-year course in cooking and sewing is being given this year. The work in cooking includes a study of the different types of food, serving of meals, dining room etiquette, and the food requirements of different individuals. The sewing classes are at present busy with new spring dresses of gingham, voile, and organdy. An exhibition of the work of these classes is being planned for the spring.

The department has two rooms. The cooking laboratory is well equipped with the most modern type of tables, electric hot plates, and a coal range. The sewing laboratory is so arranged that it may be used as a dining room. Dining table and chairs, buffet, and an excellent supply of china and silver are provided.

Miss Anna Howarth is in charge of the department. Assisted by the students she has rendered a valuable service to the community by serving luncheons and banquets for the various organizations and community activities.

WHITE HOUSE DENIES CHARGE BY SEN. BORAH

Washington, Mar. 21.—The American government entered into no understandings or agreements during the arms conference that were not embodied in treaty form and made public, it was stated Tuesday at the White House in connection with charges in the senate that an understanding had been reached between the United States and Great Britain relative to action in the Pacific.

The charge of a secret agreement was described as outrageous and unthinkable. It was further declared inconceivable that the American government should invite Japan to a conference and then be perfidious enough to turn around and make a secret agreement antagonistic to her.

PRICE OF SUGAR CERTAIN TO DROP SAYS SPRECKELS

New York, March 21.—Claus A. Spreckels, president of the Federal Sugar Refining company, who has just returned from Europe, Monday night predicted an early drop in sugar prices.

The recent price advance in raw materials, he said, stimulated further sugar production in Europe, with the result that prices in America will decrease with falling off of the European demand.

"I look at the recent advance as a 'flash in the pan,'" Mr. Spreckels said. "A reaction is inevitable. All the European countries will be self-supporting as regards sugar within a few months and the demand for export sugar from the western hemisphere will decrease."

National Guard

The Chamber of Commerce does not wish to see an opportunity for the good of Clayton disregarded, or let slip by, for any reason. When the discussion was under way for a National Guard unit, some time ago, there was, from the business men, a keen interest shown. Gen. Brown could not, because of lack of funds, grant the organization to Clayton at that time, but June 1st there will be funds available for this organization.

The consideration at the hands of the business men of the town will determine whether or not we shall have this unit. Not financial support, the government furnishes the finances, but moral support, will put the thing over.

Why not have the organization ready for recognition by the time the money is ready to be spent, then Clayton will be sure of the modest payroll that it brings. There is only one sure thing that comes to the man who waits—that is the under-taker—the others, he must go after.

CRUSOE ADVERTISED

Robinson Crusoe was a successful advertiser. He wanted a ship—help. He improvised an "ad"—his shirt flung from a pole stuck in the sand of the island where he and Friday had been marooned.

The circulation and pulling power of the frayed "ad" were small—there was no other medium—but Crusoe kept at it, despite the fact that he got no inquiries for a long time.

He changed his "copy"—as one garment after another was whipped to shreds. In the end he got what he wanted—a ship.

Crusoe demonstrated the value of sustained advertising. He didn't put his shirt-ad up one day and wear it the next. He didn't kick over the pole, cuss Friday and sit down to wait for nature to take its course, just because he didn't get results right off the bat.

Crusoe disproved the vacuous declaration that "advertising doesn't pay," else there would be no story of him today.

SCHOOL IS PUTTING IN A SPLENDID LIBRARY

Dr. Charlton Gives Pick of Private Library—Current Topics, Students, and Board Also Give Books.

The Clayton High School is gradually building up a magnificent library of carefully selected books that correlate well with the courses of study offered. The latest acquisition consists of fifty-three volumes, which Dr. N. E. Charlton generously permitted the school to select from his private library. The collection consists of seven complete sets and nine individual volumes, all of which are suited to the immediate as well as permanent needs of the school.

Another evidence of Dr. Charlton's friendly and helpful interest in the schools is the gift of a \$600.00 static machine, which was made a very valuable part of the Physics laboratory equipment.

At the beginning of the year, the school partitioned off a room in the large study hall for a permanent library. Then Mr. Barber, Science-Mathematics instructor, who is also an expert librarian, began classifying and cataloging the books under the Dewey Decimal system, the system used by all modern libraries. This work has practically been completed. The system gives a close check on all books and prevents any losses.

Last year, the Current Topics Club brought a number of very useful volumes to the library, and this year the Club is subscribing for three magazines that come direct to the library.

The students also are taking an active interest in building up the library. This year they have decided to forego the pleasure of getting out an Annual and to use their class money for purchasing books and magazines for the library.

The Board of Education each year makes an appropriation for library purposes, and gradually adds books that fit in with the courses offered in both the grade and high school. It is their aim to make the school library one that will compare favorably with the libraries maintained by the best schools in this and neighboring states.

MRS. OBENCHAIN'S RETRIAL DATE SET FOR 5TH OF JUNE

Los Angeles, Cal., Mar. 21.—The retrial of Madalynne Obenchain, who is charged with the murder of J. Belton Kennedy, was tentatively set for June 5 in Superior Judge Sidney N. Reeve's court.

Pale, quieter than usual, Mrs. Obenchain, clad entirely in black, made her first appearance in court since the jury in her case disagreed, 9 to 3 for conviction.

In setting the tentative date for her second trial, Judge Reeve stated that the case may be transferred at that time to another court.

STATE BRIEFS

U. S. Senator A. A. Jones, has been a recent visitor at his home in Las Vegas. The senator reports that he is not talking politics now, but that his visit has to do only with business.

At the recent tournament held at Albuquerque to determine the state basketball championship, Albuquerque won.

The Francis E. Willard school for girls, opened their first week in Santa Fe with an enrollment of 30, and applications from 144 others.

The mill and elevator at Melrose was recently destroyed by fire. It is believed the fire originated from a gasoline engine with which they had had trouble. Loss was \$4,000 to \$5,000.

The Grenville Chamber of Commerce, according to the Grenville News, has taken action to improve the roads leading into Grenville, and to work for the adjustment of the freight rates into Texas.

The citizens of Portales are trying to interest the people of Roosevelt county in a larger acreage of cotton this year, in order to have a gin located there.

Teachers who are parents, attending the summer session of the State Normal University at Las Vegas, will have their children taken care of in an up-to-date kindergarten.

The Independent State Committee will hold a meeting at Las Vegas during the convention of the New Mexico Cattle and Horse Growers' association. Each county has been invited to send delegates.

Seth E. Paxton has been elected manager of the 1922 ball team of Roy. He expects to produce a winner.

Las Vegas will likely have a the near future, a branch organization to the present Chamber of Commerce, that will deal solely with problems affecting the west side. In general matters it would be subject to the entire Chamber of Commerce.

Artesia will, on April 4th, vote to issue bonds in the amount of \$15,000 for the purpose of completing the erection and furnishing of her school buildings.

The Raton Creamery Co. and the Dwight Ice Cream Co. of Trinidad, have effected a merger, and have adopted a program of expansion, which will include the installation of a modern refrigerating plant.

The hospital of the Santa Fe railway at Las Vegas will be closed on May 1. The Las Vegas Chamber of Commerce is endeavoring to have the building used for a sanitarium, or else be converted into a country club.

T. W. Conway, Superintendent of Schools of Tularosa, has been elected secretary of the N. M. E. A. Prof. Conway will have headquarters at Santa Fe, and will devote his whole time to the work.

CLAYTON WILL HAVE RADIO-PHONE

The American Legion has again proven its value to Clayton as an organization for its development.

They have taken the initiative in giving to Clayton opportunity to hear by radiophone concerts given by leading artists in all parts of the United States. Too, they will be able to gather and furnish necessary market information to the people of Union county at large.

They have placed their order for one Westinghouse Radiophone to be equipped with four-stage amplifiers, which will be set up here within the next week or ten days, and which is guaranteed to have power suffi-

GETTING STUNG

When people are "stung" in false investment schemes, there are three causes: greed of something for nothing; sheer inability to know their own mind; or infantile trustfulness. Two classes of people lose money; those who are too weak to guard what they have; those who win money by trick. They both lose in the end. The cause of the trouble is a lack of knowledge of the law that true gains must be earned, and true increase must also be earned. Money cannot work for you. Only other men can work for you. What right have you, save service to the world, to think that other men's labor should contribute to your gains? That is the moral question of investment that would prevent many a loss.—Dearborn Independent.

ACHIEVEMENTS OF CLAYTON FOR THE PAST TWO YEARS

Such a small span, when time is considered, but it has changed conditions until they are very noticeable.

The fact that party lines have been forgotten and that a Board of Trustees that have represented the people, creditably and satisfactorily, has proven conclusively that a united effort will always bring a satisfactory reward. Clayton has every reason to be proud of achievements.

The Chamber of Commerce is not endorsing the administration, but is only endorsing the work that has improved Clayton and made it a more desirable place in which to live. After all, there are many places that are much worse than this of ours; good municipal light and water plant, sidewalks all over town and every convenience found in much larger cities.

We should go forward; we should put forth every effort to keep that which we have gained, and should continue to add to the advantages and conveniences Clayton has at present.

FRANK ORNELAS DIES AT LOCAL HOSPITAL

Last Saturday afternoon, at about 4 o'clock, between Buoyeros and Miera, on the old Baca ranch, occurred one of the real tragedies incident to the history Union county is making.

Jose I. Dominguez, a well known Union county citizen, shot and wounded Frank Ornelas, an ex-service man. The cause of the shooting could not be ascertained. Ornelas was permitted to lie on the ground with his boots off for about one hour, according to our information, before he was taken into the house. Then at 4 o'clock his friends started with him to Clayton to receive treatment. On the journey of some fifty miles, they ran out of gas, which prevented early medical attention for the wounded man.

Ornelas was a patient of Dr. Milligan at the local hospital. At the inquest held Wednesday afternoon to determine the cause of his death, Dr. Milligan gave testimony that the primary cause of the young man's death was pneumonia, possibly brought on by a lowered vitality and exposure caused by the gunshot wound, but in his judgment the wound in itself was not fatal.

Interment will be at Moses, N. M.

cient to enable one to hear distinctly from any part of North America. A movable tower is being erected, so that the radiophone can be moved from place to place. The first concert will be given in the public square, free to the public, and the boys hope to give it on Saturday afternoon, April 1st.

PRESENT TOWN BOARD IS RE-NOMINATED BY CITIZENS

A mass meeting of the citizens of Clayton was held at the court house in Clayton last Monday night for the purpose of placing a ticket in the field for a Mayor and four Councilmen and for the discussion of the proposed bond issue of \$60,000.00.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Eklund, who briefly stated the object of the meeting and asked for the election of a chairman and a secretary of the meeting. Upon motion duly made and seconded, Judge O. T. Toombs was elected as chairman and Mr. Mateo Lujan was elected as secretary.

Mr. Toombs, in a brief talk, told of some of the experiences of the past in Clayton regarding bond issue for school building and for city improvements. He showed in a clear way how all progressive towns and cities have found it necessary in order to have the conveniences which make life worth while, to vote bonds for public improvement. He also showed the excellent progress our little city has made under the present efficient city administration.

Mr. O. P. Easterwood followed Mr. Toombs and he, too, showed the necessity of voting the bonds for the rebuilding of Clayton.

Mr. H. E. Munn, our efficient city manager, followed Mr. Easterwood, and gave us a fine report on the condition of our present light and water plant. He told us that in all cities the average allowance made to cover wastage from leaks, flushing pipes and other items was about 15 per cent of the total pumped. He showed us that the Clayton plant is losing about 45 per cent of its water on top of this, due to a poor system of pipes. He also read a telegram from our State Health Department which showed that our water became contaminated by the use of the wood mains. He also showed us that Texline had offered to buy light and power from our city to the amount of about \$7,500.00 or \$8,000.00 per year. This would pay for the interest on the bonds, furnish Texline with all the light and power it needs and enable the city of Clayton to have better light and a more adequate water system.

Mr. J. Allen Wikoff made a splendid talk on what the city needs and on what the Board has done in its two years of service for the town. One of the most striking needs of increased power in this city was brought out by Mr. Wikoff's talk when he told us that whenever he wanted to use his 25 horse power motor it was absolutely necessary that the big engine was working, and then he used about all the extra power the city is able to furnish at the present time. A new enterprise is coming to Clayton in the way of a creamery and ice plant. It will be necessary for Clayton to have a larger and better plant to handle the power needed for this enterprise. If we are to invite additional enterprises of this kind we must have a power plant capable of giving these people service so that they

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Clayton's New Industry

Clayton will this season be in a position to supply her own ice and ice cream. Mr. Dickman, from Loveland, Colo., a man who comes bearing recommendation for his ability and integrity as a business man from his business association in his home town, has made the necessary arrangements to install the machinery, which has been ordered, sufficient for a 10-ton plant.

Mr. Dickman will not only make ice, but intends to install necessary machinery for a real creamery. He will be able to use all cream produced in Union county at a good price.

The News is heartily in favor of encouraging home industry; we therefore predict that the new industry will be a profitable one, and that Mr. Dickman will find the very hearty support and encouragement to make his stay permanent and pleasant.